GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:759 ANSWERED ON:29.07.2010 USE OF BIO-FUEL IN RAILWAYS Mani Shri Jose K.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to use bio-fuel in railway engines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to set up any plant for production of bio-fuel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith cost involved therein; and
- (e) the time by which the said plant is likely to be installed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Blended diesel with 10% Bio diesel has been cleared for use on Diesel locomotives.

(c)& (d): Yes, Madam. Railways propose initially to set up four Bio diesel plants, which have been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 78.49 crores.

(e): Two bio diesel plants are likely to be installed during the next two years and balance two plants will be set up subsequently.